PLANNED TIMETABLE, ENTRY INTO FORCE ON 1.1.2020

PARLIAMENT WILL CONSIDER THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL 15/2017 (HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENT REFORM) AND THE NEW PROPOSAL FOR THE ACT ON FREEDOM OF CHOICE REPEALING GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL 47/2017 ARE CONSIDERED IN THE SAME CONNECTION:

County elections in 10/2018 and the reforms enter into force as of 1.1.2020. Proposed timetable with due respect to the principles of good law drafting.

PRINCIPLES

- Compliance with the principles of good law drafting
- Careful implementation of the changes put forward in the statement 26/2017 by the Constitutional Law Committee
- Realistic schedule and means of implementation
- The proposal for the health, social services and regional government reform considered as a package

PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENT REFORM

2017

- Preliminary listing of the amendments put forward in the Constitutional Law Committee’s statement
- Government agrees on the way forward
- Informal government meeting 5.7.2017

2017

- Drafting of the sections, rationale, detailed rational of the government proposal for the Act on Freedom of Choice 10.7.–20.9.2017
- Preparation of impact assessment amendments 10.7.–20.9.2017
- Includes a request for a statement by the health and social services expert group (Ministry of Social Affairs and Health)

2017

- Translation into Swedish, finalising the draft to be submitted for consultation, preparation of the request for comments and the relating consultation round 20.9.–27.10.2017
- Translations are published

2017

- Freedom of choice proposal for a six-week consultation round 30.10.–15.12.2017
- Consultation round closes 15.12.2017

2018

- Agreement on the amendments to the freedom of choice proposal, the proposal is submitted for legislative editing
- Finalising of the new freedom of choice proposal 15.2.2018

Implementation guidelines for the freedom of choice data management and health and social services data integration in 10/2017 (Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Social Insurance Institution of Finland, National Institute for Health and Welfare)

10/2017 (integration platform by SoteDigi)
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ENTRY INTO FORCE ON 1.1.2020

- **2018**
  - New proposal for the Act on Freedom of Choice to Parliament 03/2018 and government proposal 47/2017 repealed (late February or early March)
  - Discussion in Parliament begins
  - Legislative package adopted by the end of May
  - Adoption and entry into force of the acts 06/2018
  - Provisional governance takes office

- **2019**
  - County elections on 28.10.2018
  - Result confirmed and legally valid on 30.11.2018
  - Decisions by the counties on the organisation of health and social services and on the implementation of freedom of choice 2-4/2019
  - Transfer of contracts
  - County councils and counties organised as of 1/2019

- **2020**
  - Counties agree on the county strategy and budget for 2020
  - Transfer of contracts
  - Responsibility for organising services transferred and the legislation in force, freedom of choice extended in phases as of 1.1.2020

Legislative package adopted by the end of May